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SUBJECT: PROVISIONAL STATEMENT ON SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR
PROGRAM FOR LAGOS CONFERENCE

REF: A) STATE 199063, B) PRETORIA 4239.

1. IN LIGHT OF BOWDLER'S REPORTS CONTAINED IN REFTTEL B, WE
PROPOSED THAT THE PROVISIONAL STATEMENT FOR ANDY YOUNG'S
USE AT THE LAGOS CONFERENCE, PROBABLY EARLY TUESDAY MORNING,
BE REVISED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEST: PRESIDENT CARTER HAS MADE THE CURBING OF
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PRIORITIES BECAUSE OF HIS DEEP CONVICTION OF ITS IMPORTANCE
FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE
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CAPABILITIES TO INCREASING NUMBERS OF COUNTRIES WOULD
THREATEN REGIONAL STABILITY, ENDANGER WORLD SECURITY AND
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3. WE HAVE ADOPTED NEW POLICIES IN THE FIELD OF NON-PROLIF-
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IDEOLOGY, MUST REFRAIN FROM CONTRIBUTING TO OTHER NATIONS' EFFORTS TO ACQUIRE A NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY. THIS IS A KEY PROVISION OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY TO WHICH 102 NATIONS HAVE ADHERED. THE UNITED STATES HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE ALL STEPS IT CAN, TOGETHER WITH OTHERS OR INDEPENDENTLY, TO URGE THE WIDEST POSSIBLE ADHERENCE TO THIS TREATY.

4. IT IS OUR FIRM DETERMINATION TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, AND WE WOULD VIEW WITH THE GRAVEST CONCERN THE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES INTO THE ALREADY TENSE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA .

5. IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY, WE HAVE RECENTLY SOUGHT AND RECEIVED FIRM ASSURANCES FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO THE FOLLOWING EFFECT:

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8. THIS PROVISIONAL STATEMENT WAS REVIEWED BY THE PRESIDENT AND WE ARE TOLD BY THE WHITE HOUSE THAT IT HAS BEEN APPROVED. WE ARE AWAITING YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WILL TRANSMIT TO LAGOS UPON RECEIPT. CHRISTOPHER

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